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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ESTC, EEWT, BU

SUBJECT:COMPUTER SYSTEMS FOR STATE PLANNING COMMISSION AND  
CENTRAL BANK

REF: SOFIA 1062, SOFIA 1559, SOFIA A-27

1. SPERRY UNIVAC HAS SUBMITTED TWO EXPORT LICENSE APPLI-  
CATIONS FOR THE BULGARIAN CENTRAL BANK AND THE STATE PLANN-  
ING COMMISSION CONTRACTS. BOTH CASES ARE CURRENTLY PENDING  
IN COMMERCE. SPERRY UNIVAC REQUESTED, IN A LETTER DATED  
JULY 13, A MEETING BE SET UP WITH COMMERCE OFFICIALS  
IN SEPTEMBER TO FACILITATE HANDLING OF THE TWO CASES.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH BURROUGHS' ED MCCOLISTER BEWT/TDAD  
LEARNED THAT BURROUGHS PLANS TO GO TO ARBITRATION UPON  
RECEIVING THEIR EXPORT LICENSE. HOWEVER, MCCOLISTER SAID  
THAT BURROUGHS' ACTION MAY BE INFLUENCED BY WHAT THEY CAN  
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LEARN OF SPERRY'S POSITION REGARDING AN EXPORT LICENSE.  
MCCOLISTER IS AWARE THAT INFORMATION ON SPERRY'S LICENSE  
APPLICATION IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM BEWT OR OEA.

3. BEWT'S POSITION IS THAT THE BURROUGHS-BULGARIAN  
DISPUTE IS STRICTLY A COMMERCIAL MATTER AND THAT  
BURROUGHS IS FREE TO TAKE WHATEVER LEGAL ACTION IS AVAIL-

ABLE TO THEM. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO POINT OUT TO THE BULGARIANS THAT THEIR PRACTICE OF SIGNING MULTIPLE CONTRACTS HAS PUT THEM IN THE POSITION OF POSSIBLY BEING TAKEN TO ARBITRATION OR SUED BY BURROUGHS IN THIS CASE AND OTHERS IN THE FUTURE.

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CONSIDERS EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS WITHOUT REGARD TO LEGAL DISPUTES BETWEEN APPLICANTS. THE FACT THAT BURROUGHS HAS COMMERCE APPROVAL OF THEIR APPLICATION WOULD NOT STOP COMMERCE FROM ISSUING A LICENSE TO SPERRY UNIVAC FOR SIMILAR COMMODITIES, FOR A SIMILAR TRANSACTION. CHRISTOPHER

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